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Local felon gets more prison time for meth

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Ryan James Lindsey entered guilty pleas Thursday to charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The 25-year-old Mountain Home man was sentenced to six years in prison by Circuit Court Judge John Putman.

That sentence means little as Lindsey is already serving five other prison



Ryan
Lindsey

sentences ranging from three to seven years.

Lindsey is serving time for convictions on charges of theft of property, furnishing prohibited articles, residential burglary, possession of a firearm and a second theft of property conviction.

Lindsey's earliest felony conviction, for theft of property, dates back to a

crime he committed when he was 17 years old. In that case, prosecutors dropped a charge of residential burglary against Lindsey. Jail records indicate Lindsey has been placed in the Baxter County jail on at least 23 occasions.

His most recent conviction stems from the execution of a search warrant at Lindsey's home in September of last year, while he was out on parole, again.

Officers forced entry into Lindsey's Baxter County Road 27 home and found

Lindsey along with fellow parolee Rebecca Conner.

When they searched Lindsey, they found 2.5 grams of meth along with a small amount of marijuana. Also found inside the home were a set of digital scales, numerous empty baggies and a mirror with white powder residue.

In the case, Lindsey was originally charged with possession of meth with the purpose to deliver, a Class B felony punishable by up to 30 years in prison.

Dillard not seeking another term as mayor



Mountain Home Joe Dillard delivers a state of the city address Thursday night in Council Chambers at City Hall. Following the address, he announced that he would not be seeking another term as mayor. SCOTT LILES/THE BAXTER BULLETIN

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Mountain Home Mayor Joe Dillard announced Thursday night that he will not seek another term in office.

Dillard made the announcement after delivering his yearly state of the city address to the members of the Mountain Home City Council.

"This is an election year, and I will not be seeking another term as mayor," Dillard said. "I want to put that out there so the people interested in running have time to come forward."

Dillard has spent more than 40 years in public service, including two stints as Mountain Home

mayor and more than a decade as Baxter County judge.

"It's time. I started this back in 1976," he said. "It's time for new energies and new talents. But whoever is elected mayor will have a great group to work with."

Dillard spent four years on the Mountain Home School Board and was elected county judge in 1980. He served seven two-year terms as county judge, and was appointed by Gov. Jim Guy Tucker to serve as the director of the State Office of Emergency Services.

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MARION COUNTY

Vote center ordinance gets second reading

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YELLVILLE — The Marion County Quorum Court took another step towards possibly adopting countywide voting centers on Tuesday night, and the group is expected to vote on the proposal in March.

Justices of the peace voted to accept a first reading of the proposed ordinance — which had been tabled at the Quorum Court's January meeting — and then agreed to read the proposal a second time during Tuesday's meeting. A third reading of the proposal and a vote on whether to adopt it, is scheduled for the Quorum Court's next meeting on March 13 at 6 p.m. at the Marion County Courthouse.

"I have only had a couple of people contact me directly about this, and I would love to hear from more people," said Carl McBee Jr., justice of the peace for District 4. "There is plenty of time to visit with us — face-to-face, phone calls, email — before the March vote. We're going to the next step in the process, but as of right now nothing has changed."

Justices of the peace are mulling a request from the Marion County Election Commission to switch the county from 16 voting sites on election day to a seven voting centers that would accept votes from any of the county's precincts.

For a county to adopt the use of voting centers, its quorum court must first adopt an ordinance saying the county is doing so. That county's election commission then submits a voting-center plan detailing the sites to be used to the Secretary of State's office, which ultimately approves or rejects the plan.

Under the Election Commission's proposal, voters on election day would be able to cast their ballots at voting centers in Bull Shoals, Caney, Eros, Flippin, Lakeway, Promise Land and Summit instead of voting at their individual polling places, which would remain closed.

About half of Marion County's voters would be affected by the change if it is approved, District 1 JP Mike Scrina said Tuesday night.

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